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Aircrew Program
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Qualified individuals who enlist in the Aircrew program will perform tactical crew duties and in-flight maintenance in jet, turboprop and helicopter aircraft. They will undergo some of the most demanding physical training in the military.

Aircrewmen are guaranteed class "A" technical school, aircrew training, and if they choose, rescue swimmer training.

After successful completion of training, aircrewmen are assigned to flight duty in sea or shore-based squadrons. Because of the potentially hazardous nature of flight duty, aircrewmen receive "flight pay" in addition to other pay and allowances.

Active duty obligation is five years — four years regular enlistment with a one year extension for prolonged training.

Enlistees enter as E-1s (recruits). Qualified individuals who volunteer for rescue swimmer training are advanced to E-2 (apprentice) after successful completion of recruit training, and are advanced to E-4 (petty officer third class) upon successful completion of both rescue swimmer school and class "A" school.

The Aircrew program is physically and mentally demanding; however, the person who accepts the challenge is rewarded with extra pay and exciting duty assignments.

What They Do

The duties performed by aircrewmen include in-flight functions such as:

- Operating tactical weapons, sensors, and communication equipment
- Performing in-flight maintenance of aircraft electrical and mechanical gear
- Working with pilots to operate and control aircraft systems
- Operating mine countermeasure detection and explosion equipment
- Providing rescue of downed pilots with emergency first aid and survival swimming
- Performing duties of flight attendants and load masters

Before and after flights aircrewmen perform pre-flight planning and equipment checks and post-flight maintenance associated with their assigned source ratings or mission specialty.

Qualifications and Interests

Applicants must be high school graduates and must be U.S. citizens eligible for secret security clearances. Aircrew must have normal hearing and no speech impediments. Vision must be better than 20/100 with normal depth perception for rescue swimmers, and correctable to 20/20 with normal color perception for all aircrew volunteers.



Applicants should have an interest in aviation and working on and around aircraft with no fear of flying. Aircrewmen volunteers should be in excellent physical condition and motivated toward physical and mental challenges. Volunteers must be strong swimmers, exceptionally expected of rescue swimmer volunteers. They must pass a class II swim test and an aviation flight physical (medical) prior to aircrew training.

Volunteers should possess manual dexterity, physical strength and be oriented toward working with tools and machinery. They must be able to work as part of a team and perform repetitive tasks, even under stressful conditions.

Other helpful attributes include maturity, a good memory, and knowledge of arithmetic.

Working Environment

Aircrewmen may be assigned to sea or shore duty in any part of the world. When not airborne, they work in aircraft hangars, on flight decks, or on flight lines at naval air stations, usually around a high level of noise.

Opportunities

The opportunities to enter the aircrew program are excellent for qualified candidates. Currently, about 5,200 men and women fly in the aircrew program.

Since Navy programs and courses are revised at times, the information contained on this card is subject to change.

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Career Path After Recruit Training

Enlistees are taught the fundamentals of source ratings through formal Navy schooling. Operational training is available in the rating during later stages of the career.

School	Present Location	Approximate Training Time	Subjects	Training Methods
Aircrewman Candidate School	NAS Pensacola, FL.	5 Weeks	Water and land survival, flight safety	Group instruction
Rescue Swimmer School	NAS Pensacola	4 weeks	Search and rescue (SAR) swimming skills	Group instruction
Class "A" Technical School	NAS Pensacola	7-23 weeks (Depending on source rating)	Basic skills required for rating; troubleshooting and repairing equipment	Group instruction, classroom, and shop
Fleet Replacement Squadron	Various Naval Air Stations	6-32 weeks (Depending on type aircraft)	Aircraft Systems, Flight Duties	Group instruction and on-the-job flight training

Volunteers for the Aircrew program will enter recruit training designated as a "dry aircrew" (AIRC) or a "rescue swimmer aircrew" (AIRR) recruit. All aircrewmen attend Naval Aircrew Candidate School (NACCS) after recruit training. During training aircrew recruits will be classified into an aviation rating that will determine their follow-on Class 'A' school and their Navy career specialty.

Some aircrew will be classified into the aviation warfare systems operator (AW) career rating. The AW rating provides advanced aircrew career progression and training in place of maintenance career specialty training. Remaining aircrew will be assigned to one of the following Navy career ratings for maintenance-related training and combined maintenance and aircrew career fields: aviation machinist's mate (AD), aviation electrician's mate (AE), aviation structural mechanic-safety equipment (AME), aviation structural mechanic (AM), aviation ordnanceman (AO), or aviation electronics technician (AT). (See these programs for details.)

Following successful completion of NACCS, rescue swimmer candidates will attend Rescue Swimmer School (RSS) and dry aircrew will attend their respective Class 'A' schools. Rescue swimmer aircrew will attend their respective Class 'A' school after successful completion of RSS.

Aircrew will attend specific aircraft flight training at various aircraft training squadrons following Class 'A' school. After completion of specific aircraft training, aircrewmen are sent to squadrons and air stations around the world to fly in their type aircraft.

All personnel now receive sea pay at sea (E-1 to E-9).



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